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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SURVEILLANCE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to set up an integrated disease surveillance network in all districts of the country in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the State Governments have also been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the suggestions made by them;

(e) the time by which it will start functioning in all the districts; and

(f) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): The National Programme for Surveillance of Communicable Diseases is already under operation in 80 districts, on a pilot basis, during the Ninth Five Year Plan. A review of the programme indicated that in the districts in which it has been made fully operational, there is definite improvement in the capacity for early detection of outbreaks and for a structured response on a time bound basis. Keeping in view the immense utility and necessity of the scheme, it is proposed to expand the programme to the entire country during the 10th Plan which is under finalisation. The programme shall focus on and closely monitor communicable diseases having outbreak potential. Besides, some important non-communicable diseases and related risk factors are also proposed to be taken upon under the programme.

(c)&(d): Consultative meeting followed by workshops were organised with State Governments to prepare a concept plan for the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and work out the implementation strategies.Useful suggestions regarding diseases to be covered, monitoring mechanism, role of Centre and State agencies, private practitioners, NGOs, community participation, etc. were received and appropriately utilised to evolve the project implementation plan.

(e)&(f): The programme shall be extended in a phased manner so as to cover all the districts by the end of 10th plan. A plan outlay of Rs.10 crore has been earmarked for this purpose during 2002-03.